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## Highlights

- Annual Egg production
- Cattle & Calves • Vegetable production
- Sheep • Wool

As of this month refined weights were applied to the Oregon price indices. They are weighted by commodity mixes that vary monthly. The indices are designed to track aggregate prices farmers pay and receive over time. The commodity weighting for prices received varies monthly according to what is normally marketed for a given time of year. They can be volatile month to month.

## Average prices received by farmers and ranchers

Commodity and unit	U.S. prices Jan. 2003	U.S. prices Jan.15 2004 <sup>1/</sup>	Oregon		
			Jan. 2003	Dec 2003	Jan. 15 2004 <sup>1/</sup>
Crops:					
Wheat, bu . . . . .	\$ 3.89	3.73	3.88	3.69	3.74
Barley, bu . . . . .	\$ 2.85	2.70	2.36	2.52	2.50
Oats, bu . . . . .	\$ 2.04	1.50	3/	4/	4/
Hay, Alfalfa baled, ton . . . . .	98.50	83.60	97.00	96.00	99.00
Hay, All baled, ton . . . . .	\$ 91.40	79.30	95.00	93.00	97.00
Potatoes, cwt . . . . .	\$ 6.67	5.70	6.05	5.40	5.45
Onions, frsh cwt. . . . .	\$ 12.30	16.80	2/	2/	2/
Sweet corn, fr. . . . .	\$ 29.00	28.60	2/	2/	2/
Pears, fresh, ton . . . . .	\$ 408.00	376.00	2/	2/	2/
Apples, fresh, lbs . . . . .	\$ .258	.301	2/	2/	2/
Strawberries, fresh lbs. . . . .	\$ 1.09	1.83	2/	2/	2/
Livestock prod.					
Steers/heifers, cwt. . . . .	77.80	81.20	76.00	88.50	80.00
Slaughter cows, cwt . . . . .	\$ 36.90	45.80	38.20	48.00	44.50
Calves, cwt . . . . .	\$ 96.80	105.00	88.50	100.00	95.30
Lambs, cwt . . . . .	\$ 92.00	—	85.00	90.00	—
Sheep, cwt . . . . .	\$ 41.30	—	35.00	34.50	—
All milk sold to plants, cwt . . . . .	\$ 11.70	13.10	2/	2/	2/
Fat test . . . . . %	3.77	3.79	2/	2/	2/
Eggs, doz . . . . .	\$ .636	.926	2/	2/	2/

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2/</sup> Monthly estimate discontinued January 2000.

<sup>3/</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

<sup>4/</sup> Insufficient sales to establish a price.

\* Revised.

## United States feed ratios

Feed ratios	Jan. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004
Broiler feed	6.4	6.6	*5.6	5.1	5.5
Hog-corn	18.8	19.1	*14.2	*14.7	16.2
Milk feed	3.03	3.07	*2.40	*2.81	2.75

\* Revised.

## Index numbers of prices received by Oregon farmers and ranchers

Commodities	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Jan 2003	Jan 2004	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004
All farm products	*707	795	118	*143	133
All crops	*727	813	129	*152	145
Livestock & prod.	*656	751	90	110	103

## United States price ratio

Indexes	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Jan. 2003	Jan. 2004	Jan. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004
Prices received	632	708	100	113	111
Prices paid <sup>1/</sup>	*1,684	1,728	126	130	130
Ratio <sup>2/</sup>	38	41	79	87	85

<sup>1/</sup> Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes & Farm Wage Rates indexes from quarterly reports.

<sup>2/</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. This ratio on 1910-14=100 Base is the parity ratio.

## Oregon wool production down, price up

Wool production in Oregon totaled 1.21 million pounds for 2003, down 3.2 percent from a year ago. The number of sheep and lambs shorn was 178,000, compared to 200,000 in 2002. The average price received for wool was \$0.58 per pound for a total value of \$702,000, up 48 percent from last year.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2003 was 38.1 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2002. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.06 million head, down 8 percent from 2002. The average price paid for wool sold in 2003 was \$0.72 per pound for a total value of \$27.4 million dollars, up 25 percent from \$21.9 million dollars in 2002.

### Wool production and value, by States, 2002-2003

State	Sheep shorn		Weight per fleece		Production		Price per pound <sup>1/</sup>		Value <sup>2/</sup>	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>Thousand head</i>	<i>Thousand head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand pounds</i>	<i>Thousand pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand dollars</i>	<i>Thousand dollars</i>
<b>OREGON</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>702</b>
California	510	500	7.1	7.0	3,600	3,500	0.45	0.79	1,620	2,765
Colorado	460	360	6.7	7.2	3,070	2,580	0.57	0.74	1,750	1,909
Montana	289	272	9.6	9.5	2,788	2,597	0.76	1.03	2,119	2,675
Texas	850	800	7.0	7.0	5,950	5,600	0.68	0.90	4,046	5,040
Washington	44	36	8.1	8.1	357	292	0.47	0.63	168	184
Wyoming	420	390	8.9	9.4	3,750	3,650	0.73	1.10	2,738	4,015
United States	5,476.0	5,057.0	7.5	7.5	41,322	38,114	0.53	0.72	21,876	27,408

<sup>1/</sup> Weighted by sales.

<sup>2/</sup> Production multiplied by marketing year average price.

## Oregon's cattle inventory up 80,000 head

All cattle and calves in Oregon on January 1, 2004, totaled 1,440,000 head, up 80,000 from last year's 1,360,000 head. Milk cow inventory was 117,000 head, the same as last year. Beef cows accounted for 603,000 head, up 10,000 from last year. Beef replacement heifers increased 5,000 to 120,000 head.

Milk cow replacement heifers increased 10,000 head to 70,000. Steers over 500 lbs. increased by 30,000 to 180,000 head, and bulls over 500 lbs. remained steady at 40,000 head. Calves under 500 lbs. increased by 5,000 to 180,000 head. Oregon's calf crop was at 690,000 head. All cattle on feed for the slaughter market increased 30,000 to 85,000 head.

### Cattle & Calves: Number by class, Oregon & U.S. January 1, 2003-2004

Class	Oregon		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Total cattle and calves	1,360	1,440	96,100	94,882
Beef cows	593	603	32,983	32,860
Milk cows	117	117	9,142	8,991
All heifers 500 lbs. and over	285	320	19,628	19,341
Steers 500 lbs. and over	150	180	16,554	16,280
Bulls 500 lbs. and over	40	40	2,248	2,206
Calves 500 lbs. and under	175	180	15,545	15,204
Cattle on feed*	55	85	13,220	13,811
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Calf Crop <sup>1/</sup>	660	690	38,224	37,903

<sup>1/</sup> Number born during entire year.

# Vegetables: Production and value - Oregon, selected States and United States, 2002-2003

Crop and States	Acres harvested		Production		Value	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>Fresh Market:</b>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Sweet corn-Oregon	5,400	5,900	918	974	10,006	11,688
- U.S.	253,200	253,300	27,106	29,403	521,480	562,572
Storage onions						
- Oregon/Malheur	12,000	12,000	7,800	7,080	56,403	73,088
- Oregon/other	5,400	6,500	2,862	3,055	24,571	35,168
- Idaho	7,900	8,200	5,056	4,920	51,401	57,680
- U.S.	103,620	105,590	47,050	48,623	418,087	481,622
<b>Dual purpose:</b>						
- U.S.	66,000	67,000	1,868	2,041	172,876	198,707
Broccoli - U.S.	130,400	136,600	18,078	20,200	554,194	636,927
Cauliflower - U.S.	43,300	44,000	6,943	8,441	219,113	276,117
Garlic - Oregon	4,700	4,800	738	694	11,877	10,340
- U.S.	32,800	35,000	5,650	6,241	155,673	147,745
Squash - Oregon	2,500	2,400	695	672	8,673	7,469
- U.S.	52,100	50,900	8,790	8,061	202,905	200,219
<b>Processing:</b>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Snap beans-Oregon	18,700	16,000	116,250	100,200	20,951	17,813
- U.S.	206,500	188,300	818,480	724,390	123,546	113,879
canning	142,900	132,600	562,910	503,470	77,303	71,941
freezing	63,600	55,700	255,570	220,920	46,243	41,938
Sweet corn-Oregon	33,000	30,100	263,580	271,680	20,629	21,999
- U.S.	419,800	435,300	3,083,890	3,318,250	210,306	234,852
canning	204,600	216,200	1,428,000	1,556,310	93,644	106,697
freezing	215,200	219,100	1,655,890	1,761,940	116,662	128,155
Green peas-Oregon	20,200	22,200	28,910	39,260	5,076	8,170
- U.S.	211,500	231,200	347,810	467,800	87,688	117,043
canning	93,100	99,600	137,700	209,090	38,332	54,632
freezing	118,400	131,600	210,110	258,710	49,356	62,411
Lima beans - U.S.	51,400	45,800	65,540	60,180	28,176	26,615
<b>Totals:</b>						
- Oregon	101,900	99,900	1,059,390	1,034,890	158,186	185,735
- U.S.	1,570,620	1,592,990	10,089,970	10,721,120	2,694,044	2,996,298

## Chickens and eggs

U.S. egg production during the year ending November 30, 2003 totaled a record high 87.2 billion eggs, up slightly from 2002. Table egg production, at 74.4 billion eggs, was up slightly from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 12.8 billion eggs, decreased 1 percent from 2002.

Layer numbers during 2003 averaged 335 million, down 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2003 was 259 eggs, up one percent from the 2002 average of 257.

### Chicken inventory and annual egg production <sup>1/</sup>

Item & Unit	Oregon		United States	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
All chickens <sup>2/</sup> (1,000 birds)	3,400	3,591	*443,881	448,748
Average number of layers (1,000 birds)	2,750	2,862	*337,380	335,368
Eggs per layer (Number)	276	274	257	259
Total egg production (Million eggs)	760	783	*87,179	87,196

<sup>1/</sup> Annual estimates cover the period December 1, previous year through November 30.

<sup>2/</sup> On December 1, excludes commercial broilers.

\* Revised.

## Oregon sheep inventory down almost 9 percent

Sheep and lambs in Oregon on January 1, 2004 totaled 215,000 head, a decrease of 20,000 from last year. This is the second year in a row that the sheep inventory in Oregon has declined.

Total market sheep and lambs were down 8,000 head to 70,000. Replacement lambs increased 1,000 head to 26,000, and ewes decreased 13,000 head to 112,000 head.

### Sheep numbers - January 1

Class	Oregon		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep/lambs <sup>1/</sup>	235	215	6,300.0	6,090.0
Market sheep & lambs	78	70	1,642.0	1,610.0
Stock sheep:				
Ewes <sup>2/</sup>	125	112	3,770.0	3,601.0
Rams & wethers <sup>2/</sup>	7	7	193.0	188.5
Replacement lambs	25	26	695.0	690.5

<sup>1/</sup> New crop lambs are not included in all sheep & lambs inventory.

<sup>2/</sup> One year and older.

### Lamb crop 2002 - 2003

Class	Oregon		United States	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Breeding ewes <sup>1/</sup>	134	125	3,980.0	3,770.0
Lamb crop	150	140	4,357.0	4,120.0

<sup>1/</sup> Ewes one year and older.

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